



**PATENT  
NON-FINAL**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2005**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 30, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005. A petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.